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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 815
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Head Coach Tony Long and the White House High School baseball team on winning the 2000 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AA state championship.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly takes considerable pride in the accomplishments of outstanding athletic teams; and

WHEREAS, with the noble virtue of hard work, adroit play, extraordinary diligence and dedication, the marvelous White House High School baseball team has won the prestigious Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AA state championship, forever inscribing their name in the hallowed athletic history of our state; and

WHEREAS, White House won both the district regular season and tournament titles, defeating Portland, 7-3 in the district tournament championship game; and

WHEREAS, in the crucial regional tournament action, the Blue Devils beat Hume-Fogg, 3-1, and a tough Portland squad, 7-6 in the title game; and

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WHEREAS, the team then took their sectional title to Marshall County, emerging victorious by the score of 7-4; and

WHEREAS, at the State Tournament in Chattanooga, White House beat Unicoi County, 7-4, and then defeated defending state champion Covington twice, in impressive fashion, 11-4 and 6-2 to claim the school's first state championship; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Devils finished their season with an excellent overall record of 32 victories and only 4 losses, an enviable winning record of .880; and

WHEREAS, key factors in this memorable season for the Blue Devils were their tremendous fan support and a new home field, which was voted Field of the Year by the Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Tony Long and his able Assistant Coaches Mark Mills, Clay Malone, and Will Turreatine are especially deserving of this body's special commendation; and

WHEREAS, the team members were: seniors, Rudy Farmer, Jared Garshnick, Blake Gibbs, Dustin King, Justin Palmer, and Ryan Sherrill; juniors, Kevin Barber, Daniel Barnes, Matt Elliott, Chad Hoerner, Brent Toole, and Brock Waggoner; sophomores, Justin Link, Jared Pickett, and Evan Witherington; and freshman Aaron Tant; and

WHEREAS, the diligent managers were: Heather Mordy, and Amy Prevost; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor this exemplary team on their accomplishments this season; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Head Coach Tony Long and the White House High School baseball team on winning the 2000 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AA State Tournament and wish them much continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation, with this final clause omitted from such copies.